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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 2 FOR THE SECRETARY:  
TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

### 1. JORDAN AVOIDS TOO CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH SYRIA

EMBASSY AMMAN ASSERTS THAT THE JORDANIAN PRESS IS MISREPORTING HUSSEIN AND ASAD AS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THE SINAI ACCORD, THUS PORTRAYING JORDAN'S STANCE AS MORE NEGATIVE THAN IT ACTUALLY IS. PRIME MINISTER RIFAI CONTINUES TO STRESS THAT JORDAN'S AND SYRIA'S "FULL AGREEMENT" EXTENDS ONLY TO THE ACCORD'S GENERAL EFFECT ON ARAB UNITY AND THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION.

### 2. LEBANESE CEASEFIRE HOLDING

EMBASSY BEIRUT REPORTS THAT BEIRUT REMAINED CALM SEPTEMBER 28 FOLLOWING THE QUIETEST NIGHT IN TWO WEEKS. INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES ARE REPLACING PRIVATE MILITIAMEN AT THE BARRICADES, AND AIRPORT OPERATIONS ARE NEAR NORMAL.

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THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE POLITICAL ACTIVITY PENDING MONDAY'S

SECOND SESSION OF THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE.

3. CANADA WILLING TO EXTEND EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT?

THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CONFIDED TO AMBASSADOR EILTS HIS SURPRISE THAT THE US HAD NOT INVITED CANADA TO CONTRIBUTE EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT. CANADA'S EXPOSURE IN CAIRO IS SMALL, IT IS INTERESTED IN INCREASING ITS PRODUCT SALES TO EGYPT, AND EGYPTIAN INDEBTEDNESS TO CANADA IS NOW ONLY 12 MILLION DOLLARS.

4. PORTUGAL: RELATIONS WITH SPAIN WORSEN

REUTER REPORTS THAT PORTUGUESE-SPANISH RELATIONS "NEARED THE BREAKING POINT" SEPTEMBER 28 AFTER THE SACKING AND OCCUPATION OF THE SPANISH CONSULATE IN OPORTO BY MOBS PROTESTING THE EXECUTIONS. TROOPS FOUGHT A RUNNING BATTLE WITH DEMONSTRATORS BUT THEN WITHDREW ENTIRELY. PORTUGAL, DEPENDENT ON SPAIN FOR WATER AND ELECTRICITY, EXPRESSED REGRET FOR THIS AND THE PREVIOUS INCIDENT AT THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN LISBON AND PROMISED TO PAY FOR ALL DAMAGE.

(SEE ITEM 1 OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY)

5. KHMER REFUGEES HOPEFUL OF PERMISSION TO RETURN TO CAMBODIA

TASK FORCE REPRESENTATIVES AT CAMP PENDLETON REPORT THAT KHMER REFUGEES ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO CAMBODIA REMAIN CONFIDENT THAT THE PHNOM PENH REGIME WILL WELCOME THEM BACK. THEIR OPTIMISM IS BASED ON:

--CONTINUED CONTACTS BETWEEN THE REFUGEES AND THE KHMER DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, WHICH HAS ASSURED THEM THAT PHNOM PENH HAS ALREADY FORMALLY APPROVED THEIR RETURN;

--HOPES THAT PRINCE SIHANOUK WILL MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UN IN EARLY OCTOBER.

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6. ECUADOR: RODRIGUEZ LARA REGIME STILL SHAKY

ONE MONTH AFTER THE ABORTIVE SEPTEMBER 1 COUP ATTEMPT, THE STABILITY AND DURABILITY OF THE RODRIGUEZ GOVERNMENT IS STILL IN QUESTION. EMBASSY QUITO REPORTS THAT:

--DISCONTENT WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES IS WIDESPREAD.

--A CONCERTED EFFORT IS BEING MADE BY CIVILIAN LEADERS TO BRING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH THEY PERCEIVE AS BEING ON ITS KNEES.

RODRIGUEZ' MAIN PROBLEM IS ASSURING THE SUPPORT OF THE ECUADOREAN MILITARY, MANY OF WHOM KNEW OF THE COUP PLOTTING BUT WERE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED. THE EMBASSY IS STICKING TO ITS EARLIER PREDICTIONS THAT RODRIGUEZ WILL SURVIVE, MOSTLY BECAUSE NO CLEAR ALTERNATIVE TO THE GOVERNMENT IS IN SIGHT.

#### 7. THREAT TO CUBAN-VENEZUELAN RELATIONS

PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA HAS RECALLED FOR CONSULTATION THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO CUBA FOLLOWING THE ABRUPT WITHDRAWAL OF THE ASYLUM REQUESTS OF TWO CUBAN CITIZENS. THE GOV APPARENTLY BELIEVES THAT CUBAN OFFICIALS SPIRITED THE APPLICANTS AWAY FROM THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY WHILE SECURITY WAS RELAXED. PEREZ REPORTEDLY HAS THREATENED TO BREAK RELATIONS UNLESS THEY RETURN TO THE MISSION AND EXPLAIN THEIR CHANGE OF HEART. INGERSOLL

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